



# OBSERVATIONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI BY THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION –Summer 1804

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Near I-70 bridge (Rocheport), Missouri

“after Jurking the meet killed yesterday and Crossing the hunting party we Set out a 6 oClock, at 11 oClock brought too a small Caissee [raft] in which was two french men, from 80 leagues up the kansias R. [Kansas River, league = 3 miles] where they wintered, and Cought a great quantity of Beaver, the greater part of which they lost by fire from the Praries, those men inform that the Kansas Nation [Kansas Indian Tribe] are now out in the plains hunting Buffa low, they [Kansas Indian Tribe] hunted last winter on this river. Passed a projecting rock on which was painted a figure and a Creek at 2 ms. above Called Little Manitou Creek...our scout discovd. The fresh sign of about 10 Inds. I expect that those Indians are on their way to war, against the Osages nation [Osage Indian Tribe] probably they are the Saukees [Sauks Indian Tribe]”.

Mended our Mast this morning &, Set out at 7 oClock under a jentle breise from S.E. by S passed the large Island, and a Creek Called Split rock Creek at 5 ms. On the S.S. psd. A place to the rock from which 20 yds we, this Creek takes its name, a projecting rock with a hole thro: a point of the rock [now called Perche Creek]...the water is excessivly Strong, So much So that we camed Sooner than the usial time to waite for the pirogue [small boat], The banks are falling in Verry much to day river rose last night a foot...the Countrey for Several miles below is good, on the top of the high land back is also tolerable land Some buffalow Sign to day

“...a short distance above the mouth of Creek, is Several Courious painting and carving on the projecting rock of Limestone inlade with white red & blue flint, of a verry good quality, the Indians have taken of this flint great quantities ...“

- Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition

